

NOVEMBER 25, 1945.

- The meeting was brought to order by Norman Ikebuchi at 9:30 p.m.
- It was moved by Roy Oshiro and seconded by George Ikebuchi that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted. Passed and carried.
- Miss Bartling stated that Nisei organizations throughout Canada are conducting vigorous protest movements and rallying public opinion against the passage of sub-section "G" of clause 3 under Bill 15. She stated that the Council is representative of a far larger group than most of the other organization in Canada and consequently should try and do everything in it's power towards deletion of sub-section "G".
- It was decided to send a telegram to Senator Buchanan and Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King. The telegram read as follows:

"We, the Canadian citizens of Japanese origin, urgently request that you do your utmost to have sub-section "G" of clause 3 be deleted from Bill 15."

SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL.

Executive body for Canadians of Japanese origin.

- It was also decided to send a petitions to J. Blackmore, M.P., M. J. Coldwell, Senator Buchanan and Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King. The petition read as follows:

Bill 15 -- Sub-section "G"

Whereas the Federal House is at present considering Bill 15 in which Sub-section "G" of Clause 3 will give the Governor-in-council "powers for the exclusion and deportation and revocation of nationality".

and WHEREAS this clause is not only a threat to the civil liberties of all Canadians but we as Canadians citizens of Japanese origin feel particularly concerned.

and WHEREAS we have endeavored to prove our loyalty by helping to save the sugar beet crops in Southern Alberta and assisting in the lumbering industy and in the canneries.

and WHEREAS we, having been denied the privilege of serving in the Canadian armed forces, have nevertheless assisted in the Bond Drives and in every way possible shown ourselves loyal to Canada.

and WHEREAS we are desirous of retaining our status as Canadian citizens we, the undersigned therefore urge:

1. That you stive to have sub-section "G" of clause 3 deleted from Bill 15.

- 2. That you do all in your power to encourage the Government
 - (a) to remove all legal and economic restrictions on Canadians of Japanese origin so that we may be as speedily as possible absorbed into Canadian society.
 - (b) to secure the consent of Provincial Governments to accept a section of our people as permanent settlers with full rights and responsibilities.
- The date of the next Council meeting was set for Sunday December 2, 8 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

towned aromete the Basketball Langue, Schote a dep and a langue in

- A discounter opened regulating the formation of a Youth Commell epo-

DECEMBER 16, 1945.

- The meeting was brought to order by the vice-president at 8:45 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- It was moved by Yosh Hattori and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that the minutes be adopted. Passed and carried.
- Miss Bartling outlined the plan of the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy to raise \$10,000 to take court action if the need arises. She stated that the Governments action in asking the Japanese to renounce their citizenship was ultra vires because the Government lacks legal power to deport naturalized persons in that the naturalization papers signed by the Japanese made them British Subjects and not Canadian citizens. Therefore the only body that have the power to deport them is the Privy Council.
- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that the Council support the J.C.C.D. in collecting money to take court action. Carried.
- It was asked that the secretary write the J.C.C.D. to ask them for further information regarding this matter.
- A discussion opened regarding the programme for the Youth Council's Christmas get-together.
- A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by M. Tamura that we have a panel discussion with a representative from each district participating. Carried.
- A motion was made by Yosh Hattori and seconded by N. Ikebuchi that Miss Bartling lead a discussion the repatriation question. Carried.
- A motion was made by E. Shigehiro and seconded by G. Ikebuchi that we will not have supper at the "Y" and that we have refreshments served after the dance instead of having an intermission. Carried.
- It was decided to have a sing-song between the panel discussion and the open forum.
- It was also decided to have Miss Bartling lead the sing-song and ask Mrs. Cameron to play the piano.
- It was decided to have another meeting on the 27th of December.
- A question arose as to the possibility of having other organizations join the Council. It was decided that this matter would be looked into at a more appropriate time.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

JANUARY 6, 1946.

- The meeting was brought to order by the President at 8:30 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.
- It was moved by K. Shigehiro and seconded by N. Ikebuchi that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as read. Carried.
- The secretary read a letter from Mr. M.J. Coldwell, National leader of the C.C.F., acknowledging receipt of our petition, re: subsection "G", clause 3, bill 15.
- The secretary read the reply to the letter which was sent to the J.C.C.D. asking them for further information regarding collection of funds for the proposed court case. The letter stated that 2 writs had already been issued in the names of a naturalized Canadian and a Canadian born.
- The secretary read a petition drawn up by the Joint Japanese Committee on behalf of Japanese Nationals who requested cancellation of "repatriation forms", urging the Government to let them remain in Canada.

A lively discussion ensued.

Although there were many suggestions put forth, it was felt that there was very little the Council could do for the "repatriates".

- The president read a clipping which appeared in a recent issue of the Lethbridge Herald. The article, written by one Mr. Cameron, urged the citizens of Lethbridge to voice their protest over the Government's policy of forcible deportation of Canadian-Japanese. It also stated that Lethbridge had benefited considerably by their presence and added that "we can learn something from them."
- It was moved by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Malcolm Fukami that the Council under-take an educational campaign in the ways of distributing informative circulars and other literature. The motion was passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by Yosh Hattori that a committee of 3 be elected to look after the publishing and editing of the circular. Also that a sub-committee be appointed, i.e., a representative from each district to send in information to the editorial department. Carried.
- The following persons were elected to the editorial staff.

Hiromu Fujiki Ruby Mimura Min Takada - Waterton:

Miss Bartling stated that now is the time to plan exactly what the Council is going to do this summer with regards to the camp at Waterton. She said that it is best to send in our bid as soon as possible as this will naturally give us an early camp date. It was decided to discuss this matter more fully at the next meeting, and in the mean time, it was felt that this matter should be given some consideration.

- A motion was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that the corresponding secretary send out invitations to the other Nisei organizations that are not almeady council members to join the council. carried.
- Now that a restricted number of Japanese girls are allowed to work as domestics withing the City of Lethbridge, the feasibility of a domestic union was discussed. After due deliberation, it was deemed impracticable.
- January 20, was set as the date for the next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL JANUARY 20, 1946.

- The president opened the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
- He welcomed the Raymond Y.M.W.B.A. delegates.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- It was moved by Yosh Nakamura and seconded by E. Shigehiro that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as read. Carried.
- A general discussion followed regarding the Council circular and pamphlets "From Citizens to Refugees" and "Save Canadian Children and Canadian Honour".

A motion was made by E. Shigehiro and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that the council get 100 copies of the pamphlet "Save Canadian Children and Canadian Honour" and 1000 copies of "From Citizens to Refugees". Carried.

- Waterton:

Many plans and suggestions were made by the different delegates and these suggestions were discussed at length.

A motion was made by Miss Sumi Iwaasa and seconded by W. Kimura that the Council get in touch with the camp committee and make arrangements for a long week end camp date. Carried.

- Miss Ruby Mimura said that she was present at the So-Ed's Citizens' Forum Group last Tuesday, and at the time there was a cordial invitation extended to the Council to join in on their discussions.
- A brief discussion took place regarding repatriation.
- Domestic Union:

The president gave a brief summary of the situation.

The following facts were established:

- the city council has so far voiced no objection about the girls it seems evident that the local branch of the Department of Labour (Japanese Division) have instructed the R.C.M.P. to check on the girls.
- there are 29 girls working in town and of this number 12 have permits.
 once the "air" has been cleared, the girls in town were definitely in favour of a domestic union.
- Judge Edmundson and lawyer Hockville were of the opinion that if the Council took court action, it's chances of winning the case is good.
 court action would cost from about \$500 to \$600.
- Miss Bartling said that she went around to the employers of the girls last spring asking them to take a stand on behalf of the Japanese girls. She stated that they were all scared to have their names involved.

- A motion was made by F. Osaka and seconded by M. Tamura that the Youth Council get in touch with a lawyer to act as a defence in case we need him. Also to get a lawyer's definite opinion as to the validity of the agreement between the city council and the Department of Labour. Carried.
- A motion was made by Kyoto Shigehiro and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that the Council go to Moscovich for advice and to Hockville for advice and defence. Carried.
- A suggestion was made to have 3 members represent the Council.

Nominations opened for this committee of three and the following persons were elected.

Hiromu Fujiki Kaz Iwaasa Min Takada

- Basketball:

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Kyoto Shigehiro that the Council get in touch with the basketball committee and make arrangements whereby the Council meetings and the games will not clash. Carried.

- The date for the next meeting was set for Sunday January 27.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

JANUARY 26, 1946.

- The vice-president brought the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- The vice-president declared that the minutes be adopted as read.
- The vice-president asked Kaz Iwaasa to give a report of the appointment that the committee of three had with the lawyer regarding the impending court action with regard to the girls working in Lethbridge not obtaining R.C.M.P. permits.

Mr. Iwaasa stated:

- that the committee presented their point and views.

to which Mr. Moscovich stated:

- the girls should comply with the law and not buck it in any way.

- that we should drop this trivial matter and concentrate on the more important question of the moment, viz., "repatriation".

at this point we told him that the girls applied for permits but were refused. We stressed this point rather strongly.

Mr. Moscovich retorted:

- that the girls were violating no law

- that there were no law against anybody working

- that the police could take no legal action against the girls

except to ask them to leave the city.

- Mr. Moscovich said he would phone the R.C.M.P. inspector to get some information as to why the girls were refused permits, and just what kind of action they were contemplating. He asked us to come back in a hour.

Mr. Iwaasa went on to say that the committee went down to see
Miss Bartling. When we got to her residence, we were told that
she had taken a car load of girls to Picture Butte to apply for
permits. It seems that someone had phoned the Commission that
morning and was told that permits would be granted. Under these
circumstances, we no longer required the services or advice of a
lawyer because the only reason we went to see the lawyer in the
first place was, because the girls were refused permits. When
we went back to the lawyer, we told him what had happened.

- Waterton:

Miss Bartling stated that she went to see Rev. Mutchmore about the camp site at Waterton. She said that there was to be a new camp committee apointed and therefore she could not make any arrangements. However, as soon as this new committee is set up, she will contact them.

- Library:

The secretary explained the University of Alberta Extension Library and asked for the delegates opinion. He stated that 35 books can be had for a period of 3 months.

Miss Bartling stated that the Lethbridge Library was a good library and suggested that everyone join the library. Also that we should joing libraries in our own communities.

- A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Jeunne Iwaasa that the editorial staff of the Council Circular establish a book column and that district representatives be responsible for bringing in information on any good books or periodicals. Carried.
- A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that the council sponsor a welcome home and get acquainted party at the "Y" for the boys who returned from overseas. Carried.

The following persons were appointed to the social committee.

Kyoto Shigehiro Hisako Yahiro Bob Senda

- Basketball:

It was moved by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that arrangements be made so that basketball games and Council meetings will not clash and that Council meetings be held in the afternoons if basketball is scheduled for the evening. Carried.

The Particular become by the contract their there was not recommend to

- The next meeting was set for February 17, at 2 p.m.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

February 17, 1946.

- The meeting was brought to order by the vice-president at 3:30 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by F. Osaka that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
- Mr. Roy Oshiro, representing Coaldale Cubs asked that he be heard at this time due to the fact that he had to catch a 4:00 p.m. bus.

He explained that the young people of Coaldale had organized a club known as the Cubs and asked that they be accepted as Council members.

He also asked that the so called basketball "situation" be cleared up once and for all.

- In reply to his first query, the vice-president stated that there was no need for his asking a formal acceptance, and that the presence of their delegates would automatically constitute an acceptance as Council members.
- Regarding the second question, Mr. Oshiro was asked if the Basketball League would cancel their games whenever it clashed with Council meeting. Mr. Oshiro graciously acceded to this request, stating that it would be possible for them to cancel games because the league schedule was almost finished.
- The vice-president asked that someone make a report on the interview the Council had with Mr. J.N. Lister on January 24.

The secretary gave a report on the interview. He stated that Mr. Lister was politely evasive to the more of the important questions that we put to him.

With regard to what looked like an apparent refusal by the Commission to grant travel permits to the girls, Mr. Archibald stated that this was not so and probably due to a misunderstanding.

Miss Bartling promptly stated that there was nox veracity in this statement, and that he, and he alone was responsible for the situation. She went on to say:

- Mr. Archibald was the one who set the police on the girls in an effort to scare them into getting permits. Contrary to having the desired effect, Mr. Archibald got a scare himself when he learned the girls had decided to buck him and take court action if the need arose. The R.C.M.P.'s attitude to all this was "you started something, go ahead and finish it."

- Circulars:

Criticisms, suggestion and ideas was asked concerning the January issue of the Council Circular. The concensus of opinion was that the write-ups of the different clubs should be shortened and that there should be more articles and material of general interest.

- A motion was made by Miss Bartling that the next edition of the circular be an 8 page affair with more articles and news. Carried.

- Social:

6

The social committee said that no definite date had been set for the social welcoming home the boys. The committee stated that they had intended to have it on February 22 but owing to the fact that the Thursday niters had the 21st set for their return supper engagement for the Business Girls Club, it was cancelled.

- The vice-president extended the council's welcome to the Picture Butte Y.M.B.A. and the Coaldale Cubs.
- It was decided to elect a special reporter for the purpose of giving the Council's activities publicity.

Yosh Hattori was elected to this office.

- At this point Miss Bartling burst forth with vehement, but well founded criticism of the Council. She stated that the Council should be more business like. In particular, she pointed out that the secretary was perfunctory in that he did not have his minutes properly prepared and that he never had the minute book present in case of reference.
- The treasurer gave an accounting of the Council funds. It showed a balance on hand of \$47.00
- A motion was made by the treasurer and seconded by Miss Bartling that the treasurer's report be adopted. Carried.

- Pamphlets:

Miss Bartling read a letter from Mrs. MacMillan, secretary of the Toronto Co-operative Committee. The letter stated that the writer was glad to know that we had undertaken to enlighten the public opinion of Southern Alberta. and that they would be glad to supply us with as much literature as possible. It suggested that the Council get in touch with the regional Committee in Edmonton.

- Miss Bartling stated that she would like to see an regional committee established in Lethbridge for the purpose of educating the public. She stated that some responsible body should undertake to organize this committee. Such a eemmittee body would be the presbytery which was holding it's biannual meeting on Wednesday February 20 at the Southminister church, and suggested that the president of the Council address the presbytery and ask them to betake this task.
- A motion was made by J. Iwaasa and seconded by S. Kanegawa that the Council approach presbytery regarding this matter. Carried.
- It was felt that the public should be given an accounting of the fund that is being collected for the court case.
- A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by George Oshiro that the president and the secretary both approach presbytery and also attend the Joint Committee meeting slated for the same afternoon. Carried.

- A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Yosh Hattori that Miss Sumi Iwaasa be appointed to look after the pamphlets, i.e., purchase, allotment and distribution.
- A motion was made by J. Iwaasa that the council get 500 copies of the pamphlet "Orders In Council Threaten Your Citizenship". The motion was overruled.
- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by George Ikebuchi that the Council purchase 200 copies of the pamphlet "Orders In Council Threaten Your Citizenship". Carried.
- A motion was made by Frank Osaka and seconded by Miss Sumi Iwaasa that the Council purchase 50 copies of the pamphlet "Japanese Canadians". Carried.
- It was suggested that the corresponding secretary send a mimeographed form to each council member telling them when and where the next meeting will take place.
- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Miss Toshiko Nakamura that every Council member be asked to send in their
 - names of the executives
 - names of it's delegates
 - the approximate number of it's membership.
- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by F. Osaka that every organizations secretary be notified as to the date, time and place of the next Council meeting. Carried.
- A mbtion was made by Kyoto Shigehiro and seconded by J. Yahiro that every club make donation to be forwarded to the Toronto Committee for the purpose of the court case. Carried.
- A motion was made by S. Kanegawa that the next council meeting be held February 23 at 10:00 a.m. Carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 24, 1946.

- The vice-president brought the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- A motion was made by K. Iwaasa and seconded by K. Shigehiro that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
- Social:

The social committee gave a report and the following facts were established:

- the date of the social was set for March 1.

- the "Y" auditorium cannot be had on March 1, consequently the Rainbow Ballroom was rented.

- the pick-up system would have been satisfactory if the dance was to be held at the "Y" as originally planned, however the Rainbow Ballroom being very big, the committee thought that the amplifiers would be unsatisfactory and suggested that the Council acquire the services of an orchestra. Orchestra would cost \$55.00.

- time of dance was set for 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by R. Oshiro and seconded by H. Higa that the Council hire an orchestra. Carried.

- Regional Committee:

The secretary gave a report of what took place at the Presbytery meeting at which time the President was to, as per motion of February 17, ask Presbytery to initiate the formation of a Regional Committee for the purpose of educating the public.

The response of the Presbytery was enthusiastic and wholehearted and the executives body of the Presbytery was appointed to look after this matter.

Miss Bartling said that Presbytery was holding a meeting for the purpose of forming this Regional Committee and that several prominent business men had been invited to attend.

A motion was made by R. Oshiro and seconded by J. Iwaasa that the Council send representatives to this meeting. Carried.

A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by R. Oshiro that the Council send 3 representatives to the Presbytery meeting. Carried.

The following persons were nominated.

Kaz Iwaasa Stan Kanagawa Hiromu Fujiki Min Takada

- 2 -1 Mr. Oshiro withdrew his nomination. A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by R. Oshiro that nominations cease. Carried. A motion was made by K. Iwaasa and seconded by R. Oshiro that Min Takada be included in the committee. Carried. - A motion was made by S. Kanagawa and seconded by K. Shigehiro that a permanent committee be appointed to attend the joint committee meetings. Carried. The following persons were nominated. Mas Sunada Tak Shigemi Hiromu Fujiki Min Takada A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by Stan Kanagawa that nominations cease. Carried. The following persons were elected to the committee. Mas Sunada Tak Shigemi A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by K. Iwaasa that a few girls be included in the committee. Carried. The following girls were appointed to the committee. Tosh Nakamura Ruby Mimura - A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by J. Iwaasa that the Council have its next meeting 2 weeks from tonight and that this meeting be the deadline for the contributions to the co-operative committee be in. Carried. - Miss Ruby Mimura presented the Council with a contribution from the Christian Association be forwarded to the Toronto Committee for the court case. - A motion was made by R. Oshiro and seconded by K. Shigehiro that the Youth Council subscribe to the Pacific Citizens. Carried. J. Iwaasa suggested that the paper be kept at the "Y". - Circular: A motion was made by J. Iwaasa and seconded by R. Oshiro that the February and March issue of the Council circular be combined. Carried. - A motion was made by K. Shigehiro and seconded by Y. Hattori that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

- The president opened the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- A motion was made by Roy Oshiro and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
- Report from the Presbytery Committee:

The delegates reported that Presbytery had decided to ask the Ministerial Association to initiate the formation of a Regional Cooperative Committee. The reason for this being that if Presbytery were to inaugurate the committee, it would be a United Church affair, however, if Ministerial Association were to set the ball in motion, it would be of an inter-denominational sanction. If the Ministerial Association agrees to institute the formation of this committee, it would probably call a public meeting on March 18. However, if Ministerial declines the request of Presbytery, then they would be back to where they started and Presbytery would have to initiate it.

7

- The treasurer gave a report of the Council's fund.

Cost of dance Admission take	\$ 87.83 65.60
Loss	\$ 22.23
Balance on hand	\$ 16.21

A motion was made by the treasurer and seconded by Miss Bartling that his report be adopted. Carried.

- Report from the Joint Committee delegate:

((

Miss Ruby Mimura stated that the main discussion at the Joint Committee meeting was the decision the Supreme Court handed down.

Also at the meeting, Lawyer Virtue expressed the following views.

- Those Japanese Canadians desiring to stay in Canada should send in their cancellations immediately.
- The Privy Council will not open before next fall.
- Canadian citizenship will be restored to children 16 years old and under when they return to Canada.
- Japanese Nationals have the least consideration.

Regarding funds being collected for the court case:

Total Amount collected Amount on hand	\$1229 <u>647</u>
Total	1876
Less: Lawyer's expense	335
Balance on hand	\$ <u>1541</u>

The executives of the Joint Committee:

President	Mr.	Aoki
Vice-president	Mr.	Naruke
Secretary	Mr.	Amemori
Treasurer	Mr.	Oga
Chairman	Mr.	Sakumoto

A motion was made by Miss Mimura and seconded by Jeaunne Iwaasa that her report be accepted. Carried.

- Pacific Citizen:

The corresponding secretary was asked to look after this matter.

- One hundred and fifty-one dollars were collected from the Council members to be forwarded to the Toronto Co-operative Committee for the court case.
- The corresponding secretary was asked to write to someone in Taber and ask them just what their stand is with regard to the Council and to clear up the \$10.00 question.
- Sta Kanegawa brought up the subject of travelling expenses for delegates representing the Youth Council.

A motion was made by Stan Kanegawa and seconded by Roy Oshiro that the Youth Council pay it's delegates the standard expenses for attendance at meetings on the Council's behalf.

An amendment was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Mas Sunada that the word standard expenses be changed to a flat rate (3¢ per mile) Carried.

- A motion was made by Yosh Hattori and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that the Council ask each club to make a donation to the Council when the need arises. Carried.

A motion was made by Yosh Hattori and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that the Council ask the Council members for an immediate donation. Carried.

A motion was made by Kyoto Shigehiro and seconded by Mas Sunada that the corresponding secretary notify the Council members regarding this motion. Carried.

1

- The corresponding secretary read a letter from Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, Secretary of the Toronto Coloperative Committee, expressing her regret that the Committee could not completely fill our order for
- Election:

It was stated that a full year will be up since the inauguration of the Council on April 28 and thought should be given for another

A motion was made by Roy Oshiro and seconded by Kyoto Shigehiro that the Council carry on the election in the same manner as least year.

Procedure:

Nominations to be made from the floor of the Council and that a list of these nominees be sent to every member of the Council and ratified by them to make any addition and then every club be allowed 3 votes at the election for the executives and the districts be allowed 2

A motion was made by Miss Iwaasa and seconded by Mas Sunada that the Council select it's nominees for executives at the next council meeting. Carried.

- A motion was made by Roy Oshiro and seconded by Kyoto Shigehiro that the Council have a conference on the 13th of April. Carried.
- Yosh Kabayama spoke on behalf of the J.C.W.A., stating that they had planned a welcome home party for the boys back from overseas on April 12, and would like to have some assistance from the Council.
- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that the executive of the Youth Council find out definitely what day we can have the conference and let everybody know. Carried.
- A motion was made by Winky Kimura and seconded by Roy Oshiro that the Council ask the J.C.W.A. to help us with the conference in-sofar as food and expense are concerned and that the Youth Council will include some programme for the returned soldiers. Carried.

A motion was made by Jeaunne Iwaasa and seconded by Stan Kanegawa that Hiromu Fujiki be appointed to get in touch with the J.C.W.S. and discuss this matter. Carried.

- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Miss Yuki Tashima that a permanent Fact Finding Committee be established immediately to find out various statistical facts pertaining to the Japanese.

The following persons were nominated.

0

Marion Hattori
Ruby Mimura
Mas Sunada
Jeaunne Iwaasa
Miss Bartling
Min Takada

A motion was made by Miss Mimura and seconded by Miss Betty Tamemoto that nominations cease. Carried.

The following ladies were elected to the Fact Finding Committee:

Marion Hattori Ruby Mimura Miss Bartling

- A motion was made by Miss Yuki Tashima that a card of thanks be sent to Mrs. Lanier and Mrs. Iwaasa, expressing the Council's appreciation for their kind donation of ice cream for the Council's welcome home dance for the boys overseas on March 1.
- A motion was made by Kyoto Shigehiro and seconded by Miss Ruby Mimura that the Council send delegates to the Ministerial Ass'n's tenative public meeting on March 18 for the formation of a Regional Co-operative Committee. Carried.
- A motion was made by Yosh Nakamura and seconded by Stan Kanegawa that the president represent the Council at the Ministerial meeting and that he be given the rightto appoint an assistant. Carried.
- The date for the next Council meeting was set for 2 weeks from tonite, March 24.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

(0

MARCH 24, 1946.

- The meeting was brought to order by the president at 8:30 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- A motion was made by Miss Tamemoto and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
- Donation to the treasury by Council members:

As very few delegates had the donation ready to hand in, the president asked the delegates to go back to their respective organization and reconsider this matter.

- Election:

Cery H. Karusi Com dr. 1 Nominations to the various offices.

President:

Hiromu Fujiki Roy O'shiro Walter Koyanagi

Vice president:

Norman Ikebuchi Yosh Nakamura Kaz Iwaasa

A motion was made by George Ikebuchi and seconded by Miss Nakamura that nominations cease. Carried.

Secretary:

Min Takada

A motion was made by Jeunne Iwaasa and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that nominations cease. Carried.

Treasurer:

Stan Kanagawa Tick Koyata Kyoto Shigehiro

A motion was made by Norman Ikebuchi and seconded by W. Kimura that nominations cease. Carried.

- Corresponding secretary:

Norman Ikebuchi Sumi Iwaasa Hisako Yahiro Ruby Mimura

A motion was made by H. Karaki and seconded by Yosh Senda that nominations cease. Carried.

Reporter:

(0)

Mas Sunada Yosh Hattori

A motion was made by W. Kimura and seconded by Yosh Senda that nominations cease. Carried.

Representative to the Joint Committee:

A suggestion was made that the representatives be selected from the executives. In rejoinder to this suggestion it was stated that the executives had enough on their hands already and that the different appointments should be spread throughout the Council members.

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Stan Kanagawa that the representative to the Joint Committee be elected at the same time as the executives. Carried.

Nominations:

Dick Mizuno
Yosh Senda
George Ikebuchi
Hiromu Fujiki
Tick Koyata
Mas Sunada
Kaz Iwaasa
Roy O'shiro
Tak Shigemi
Marian Hattori
Chieko Amemori
Yuki Tashima
Stan Kanagawa
George Oshiro
H. Karaki

- A motion was made by H. Karaki and seconded by Stan Kanagawa that nominations cease. Carried.

.

æ

- Conference:

The executives had an executive meeting on March 18 to discuss the conference and the following tentative program was drawn up.

Registration - 75¢ 10:00 - 10:30 Panel discussion by returned boys 10:30 - 11:15 General discussion on national federation 11:15 - 12:30 Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 Speaker from the Joint Committee 1:30 - 2:00 Model forum 2:00 - 3:00 Speaker from the Consultative Committee 3:00 - 3:20 3:20 - 4:00 Films Council plans and election 4:00 - 5:00 Basketball game 5:00 - 8:00 Dance 8:00 - 12:00 Refreshment 12:00 -

A motion was made Miss Bartling and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that we take 35 minutes of the national federation's time and allot it to the debate. Carried.

A motion was made by Kyoto Shigehiro and seconded by Yosh Hattori that the executives get the approval of the Youth Council for the above read agenda. Carried.

J.C.W.A. - Ladies aid:

Mr. Fujiki gave a report of the interview which he had with the president of the ladies' aid. He stated:

- the ladies were very glad that we will accept their help - the program for the evening will be left up to the council
- they will donate the proceeds to the Council
- they will invite the returned boys and the Council is to invite everyone else.

- Consultative Committee:

The president stated that on March 18, under the sponsorship of the Ministerial Association of Lethbridge, a meeting took place for the organization of a Consultative Committee. Under the chairmanship of Rev. Mutchmor the committee was organized.

Committee:

C

Mr. Huckvale Chairman Mr. Wallace Secretary J. Tiffen Committee of five H. Bartling A. Baallim A. G. Virtue Rev. Cowan C. F. Steele Alternate members Miss J. Bruce

- It was stated that information and data from the Department of
 Labour J.D. should be asked by the Consultative Committee instead
 of the Fact Finding Committee, in that this information would be
 more readily available to them.
- A motion was made by Yosh Nakamura and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that Miss Bartling be officially accepted as a representative of the Youth Council to the Consultative Committee. Carried.
- Treasurer's report:

Donation to the Toronto Co-operative Committee:

Amount collected up to the last meeting Donation from the Raymond Y.M.W.B.A. Donation from an individual	151.50 50.00 1.00 202.50 .69
Cost of money order Amount sent to the Committee	\$ 201.81
Palli October	~ ~ ~ ~ T

A question as to where further donations will be sent was brought up. It was felt that there would be another concentrated effort made to raise further funds and that any amount collected in the mean time, will be withheld until such time as this proposed drive is initiated.

- A motion was made by Roy O'shiro and seconded by H. Karaki that
 the completion of the conference program be left up to the executives.

 Carried.
- The president extended the Council's welcome to the Coaldale Y.M.W.B.A. and gave them a brief outline of the Council's voting procedure and asked them to send in the names of their executives, official delegates to the Council and the approximate number of its' membership.
- A motion was made by George Oshiro that Walter Koyanagi's name be withdrawn from the candidacy for president.
- The date for the next Council meeting was set for April 20th, 8 p.m.
- A motion was made by H. Karaki that the meeting adjourn.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE April 13, 1946

Under the chairmanship of the Youth Council president, Mr. Hiromu Fujiki, the conference was brought to order at 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Roy Oshiro introduced the topic of the National Federation.
He outlined the various proposals of the Citizenship Defense Committee and asked the conference assembly to state their opininions and ideas.

Opinions expressed by the conference:

- a National Federation is absolutely essential

- there is more power in an unified body

- whenever new organizations are formed, we always call ourselves Japanese Canadian such-and-such. we must do away with this hyphenated nationalism.

- we should co-operate with the various co-operatives committees

throughout the Dominion.

(0

- we must assume our responsibilities.

- there is danger that some unscrupulous individual might take advantage of this organization and benefit their own end.

A motion was made by Roy Oshiro and seconded by Billy Tamagi that the conference go on record as being in favour of a National Body. This motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Kyoto Shigehiro and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that a committee of 3 be selected to study the National Federation.

An amendment to the above motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Tets Aoki that the above motion be amended to read " a Committee of 3 be selected to study the National Federation and they in turn be responsible to the Youth Council." Carried.

Nominations were opened for the above mentioned Committee:

H. Fujiki

R. Oshiro

M. Takada

A motion was made by Billy Tamagi and seconded by George Oshiro that nominations cease.

Mr. Tamagi and Mr. Oshiro withdrew their motion and the following additional persons were nominated.

S. Kanegawa

T. Koyata

Miss Mary Okamoto

A motion was made by Billy Tamagi and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that nominations cease. Carried.

The following persons were elected to the National Federation Committee:

Miss Mary Okamoto Hiromu Fujiki Minoru Takada

Debate: Resolve that Canada Have Unrestricted Immigration.
Raymond Y. P. S. vs. Picture Butte Chinooks

Affirmative:

- Canada as a world power, and her policy as pledged at the San Francisco Conference was one in the pursuit of democratic ideals. To show her good faith and prove that she does not indulge in hypocracy, she should welcome all immigrants without discrimination.
- Urged removal of certain laws prohibiting immigration.
 Immigration is answer to develop her wealth of untouched natural resources.
- The different races can contribute toward and enrichen our Canadian culture.
- We have a moral obligation to fulfill -- to provide a haven for the war-torn people of the world.

Negative:

- Foreigners are easily influenced and this might become a tool of some political party.
- We have an obligation to the younger generation.
- Immigrants have a tendency to agree amongst themselves and it is harmful to national unity.
- Immigrants are unassimiliable.
- Restricted immigration will be better for the working class, and because of restricted immigration:

Working hours have improved Wages have increased.

Unemployment is not as low as it would be if there was unrestricted immigration.

- The only persons wanting unrestricted immigration are employers who see these immigrants as a source of cheap labour.

The judges, in declaring Raymond Y. P. S. as winners, stated that both sides had very good points in their arguments. It was very close and Raymond got the nod because of their presentation.

While awaiting the judges decision of the debate, 3 returned boys took part in an informal discussion, answering questions that were put to them by the audience.

Model Forum: Canada and the U.S.S.R.

Under the chairmanship of Miss Bartling the model forum as introduced. It was stated that Communism would not work in Canada becuase of different standards and ideals and that the only place it would work was in an dictatorship. One speaker stated that Russia was more of a democracy than Canada enumerating that in Russia, all

- 3 -

people had equal rights and that they had laws which prohibits dis-

crimination against any nationality.

Suggestions towards a better Canadian Russian relationship were stated. Understanding is the basis of friendship and we should try to get a better and more profound understanding of the Russians. This can be done by sending committees and delegates to Russia and exchaning information and data.

Speaker from the Joint Committee:

Speaking for the Joint Committee, Mr. S. Sakumoto congratulated the Youth Council on the work it was doing. He said that the key to successful assimilation lay in adaptation to new environments and to this end efforts should be made willingly. He also urged the greater use of English, especially in public places.

Speaker from the Consultative Committee:

Brigadier W. E. Huckvale, president of the Consultative Committee, outlined the purposes and functions of that organization. He enumerated them as follows:

- To bring before the public true facts concerning Canadians of Japanese origin.

- To publicize the moral issues involved in forcible deportation.

- To protest the undemocratic treatment of those citizens to M. P.'s and opposition leaders.

- To work in conjunction with other similar committees throughout Canada.

Eternal vigilance is the keynote of liberty, stated Brig. Huckvale in summing up his address.

Election and Council Plans:

The work undertaken by the Youth Council last year was outlined by the president.

The Council had circulated petitions asking deletion of clause "G" of Bill 15; had collected donations for legal action on the deportation, and had suggested the proposal and worked for the formation of the Lethbridge Consultative Committee.

The Council had also sponsored the camp at Waterton. The Council had helped Niseis to become a thinking body, and had made the Isseis realize that the youths were capable of intelligent thought and action.

Suggestions were made for possible work to be undertaken by the Council for the coming year. Among other things, was a suggestion to approach Premier Manning with an inquiry regarding his unfavourable attitude to the evacuees.

A study of occupational fields for the Niseis was another item.

It was also brought up that some attention be given the existing agreement between the Labor Department and the Lethbridge City Council under which evacuees are restricted from entering the city.

æ

C

Youth Council Executives for the coming term:

President 1st Vice-president 2nd Vice-president Secretary Treasurer Corresponding secretary Reporter

Hiromu Fujiki Roy Oshiro Yosh Nakamura Min Takada Stan Kanegawa Ruby Mimura Mas Sunada

MARCH 20, 1946.

- The president opened the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- It was moved by George Higa and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
- Yosh Hattori read the minutes of the executive meeting of March 31.
- A motion was made by Miss Yuki Tashima and seconded by Stan Kanagawa that the minutes of the executive meeting be adopted as read. Carried.
- It was stated that the Council had donated to the Lethbridge Consultative Committee on Japanese Canadians the sum of \$10 to be used by them for miscellaneous expenses.
- Joint Committee Representatives:

A motion was made by Stan Kanagawa and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that the Council write to Mr. Sakumoto, asking him to let us know when their meeting take place, and also include in this letter the names of our elected representatives. Carried.

Committee:

Yosh Senda Hiromu Fujiki T. Koyata

- Donation to the Council:

The president asked for the second consecutive meeting in a row, that the delegates have the money ready to hand in at the next meeting.

- Miss Bartling gave a report of the Ministerial meeting in Calgary on April 3rd, at which the president of the Council and herself spoke. She stated that they gave a facts regarding the Japanese in Southern Alberta and throughout Canada and also gave the background of the Japanese at the coast. She stated that they also spoke at a meeting of interested and influencial people at the home of Mrs. N. Mowers, Regional Committee representative. It was said at this meeting that the people of Calgary were anxious to have Japanese girls work there, to which Miss Bartling retorted that the Calgary City Council should abrogate its' agreement with the Department of Labour.
- A motion was made by George Higa and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that Miss Bartling's report be accepted. Carried.

- National Federation:

The president gave the report of the committee appointed to study the National Federation. He stated that it was the committee's unanimous opinion that the federation be made up entirely of Canadian born and the Isseis to act only in an advisory capacity. A lengthy discussion took place with regard to the report.

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that the Council accept the committee's suggestion that the federation be on a Canadian born basis and that it be part of a resolution which the committee is to draft. Carried.

A motion was made by Stan Kanagawa and seconded by Kyoto Shigehiro that the Council invite the Isseis of Southern Alberta to thrash out this matter of the national federation at the Council meeting of May 5. Carried.

It was decided that the following persons would be invited.

Mr. Sakumoto

Mr. M. Nishima

Mr. F. Tamagi

Mr. S. Okabe

Mr. M. Kudo

Mr. M. Matsugi

Mr. H. K. Iwaasa

- A suggestion was made that we set up a committee to draw up rules governing the Council.
 e.g. what constitutes membership, what constitutes a quorum, frequency of our meetings time place, dates etc.
- A motion was made by George Higa and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that we have our next meeting April 28. Carried.
- A motion was made by Yosh Nakamura and seconded by Kyoto Shigehiro that the executive secretary send out notices to the various clubs notifying them of our next meeting. Carried.
- A motion was made by George Higa and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that May 5 be the date of our meeting with the Isseis. Carried.
- Council Circular:

Miss Bartling suggested that we appoint a new editorial staff with Mas Sunada as the editor-in-chief.

- Monetary report of the conference and dance:

Income from registration \$83.25
Total expenditure 63.60
Donation from the J.C.W.A. 71.25
90.90
91.60

- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Kyoto Shigehiro that in an effort to reimburse Geno Hayashi for his time and services, the Council give him a good size album to be picked out by Min Takada. Carried.

THE REPORT OF THE PERSON AND THE PERSON ASSESSMENT OF THE PERSON ASSESS

DE ROOM TO SELECTION OF THE PERSON OF THE PE

- A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa that the meeting adjourn.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

STREET, SEAT THE STREET, STREE

APRIL 28, 1946.

- Due to the absence of the president, the meeting was brought to order under the temporary chairmanship of Kyoto Shigehiro.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.

1

- A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Miss Ruby Mimura that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
- At this point the president made his appearance and consequently he took over the chair.
- A discussion took place regarding Council rules and the following rules were adopted.

RULES

- 1. Any club that wishes to join the Council shall signify its' desire by handing in a list of its' executives, official delegates, approximate number of membership by writing to the executive secretary and shall notify the Council of any change of staff.
- 2. Each club to have 3 official delegates to the Council.
- 3. Voting power shall be given to the organized co-operating members of the Council plus the executives with 3 votes for each group. Any visitors at Council meetings shall be voted in as corresponding members, granting them a voice in Council affairs but no vote. A roll call of Council members shall be held at the beginning of every meeting. Every delegate votes as an individual and be responsible to his club except at election time.
- 4. One-third club attendance will constitute a quorum.
- 5. Registered clubs must attend at least 75% of the meeting from the time of registering before they are eligible to vote at election.
- 6. Meetings be held every 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at the Y.M.C.A. at 8 p.m. of every month from November to May. Summer meetings and other emergency meetings be held at the call of the executives, which also has the power to cancel any meeting.

- 7. In order to enjoy privileges of full voting membership in the Youth Council, every club is expected to give financial aid when called for.
- 8. Whenever a decision is deemed necessary, a 75% majority must be had in the form of a secret ballot.
- 9. Parliamentary procedure should be observed at all meeting.
- A motion was made by George Ikebuchi and seconded by Kyoto Shigehiro that copies be made of these rules and be sent to every registered member of the Council. Carried.
- National federation:

The following motions were drawn up and carried regarding the National federation.

- The national federation be made up of interested Canadians and any and all who are concerned with the democratic rights of Canadians of Japanese origin.
- The national body be made up of delegates from specified areas.
- Have the national meetings in Winnipeg.
- Have a working executive or committee in the East.
- Isseis to act in an advisory capacity.
- The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$123.05.
- A motion was made by the treasurer that his report be adopted. Carried.
- A very lengthy and heated discussion took place with regard to the protest of the Raymond basketball team of the final game of the championship series with Taber on April 21st.
- After due consideration, a motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Yosh Sugimura that providing that we accept the protest of the Raymond club is legal, we yet feel that the banner should still be given to Taber and no replay be allowed. Carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:15 a.m.

MAY 5, 1946.

- The meeting was brought to order by the president at 9:00 p.m.
- Of the 7 invitations that were sent out, only 2 were present.
 - The president explained the purpose of the meeting; that it is a joint meeting between the Iseeis and the Youth Council to discuss the national federation. He stated that the Council had already approved and passed a resolution as to what the Council's opinion is regarding the national set-up. He expressed his desire that the Isseis present tonight would voice their opinions freely in formulating the federation. He sent on to explain that the movement started in the est, saying it was for the evacuees, however, the president expressed his opinion that the future of the Japanese in Canada does not lie with the evacuees alone but with all the Japanese in Canada. Also that we should work not just for the good of the Japanese, but also for Canadians. If we are to setup a wholly Japanese organization at present, we would inevitably have to change it over later on to an organization which would include occidentals. Since it is the beginning, we should lay the foundation for a Canadian organization right now. He explained that the structure of the federation should be entirely Canadian. However, some Isseis might get the impression that they are being left out. With the valuable experience that the Isseis have, if they will be willing to act in a purely advisory capacity, the president voiced that he did not see why an organization of this sort cannot be carried out to its' fullest extent. To support his views that we assume the leadership, he stated that we were better qualified in that we did not have the language handicap to surmount and that we, as a younger generation, had a moral obligation to fulfill.

Mr. Kudo stated that from now on, nothing but a body like the Youth Council can go ahead and work for the good of the Japanese in Canada. Whether the Isseis can see this point or not he could not say, however, it is the responsibility of the Council to make them see. Otherwise, like at the coast, there will be all kinds of organizations, achieving nothing. He stated that this kind of organization is the only kind that can do anything.

Mr. Iwaasa stated that the movement for the national federation is a worthy one and that he was in full accord with the Youth Council's plans. He explained that he held the same views as Mr. Kudo and plans. He explained that he held the rest of the Isseis who were that it was indeed unfortunate that the rest of the Isseis who were invited to the meeting were not present. However, regardless of the fact that the rest of them did not turn out, the Council should go ahead and do the best it can towards the organization of this movement.

- 2 -Mr. Kudo expressed that the Isseis present tonight were not representative of all the Isseis and that some further attempt should be made to get together with them. If we should go ahead and join the federation without the opinion and approval of the rest of the Isseis, it would be very difficult later on. Discussion took place as to how we can best get together with the Isseis. It was stated that we had sent out invitations tonight's meeting but they did not attend. Concensus of opinion was that it was time that we had a show-down to see just what the joint committee's attitude is towards the Youth Council. It was suggested that we send a delegation to the Joint Committee meeting to settle this matter. Also that we should write to see why they were not present tonight. Miss Bartling stated that all Isseis must realize the fact that we are living in Canada and must do everything to Canadianize themselves. It was suggested that in our write-up to the New Canadian we include in it a subtle derision pointed at the Isseis for their apparent lack of interest in not turning out to the meeting. It was felt that we should make known the Youth Council's opinion to the Citizenship Defence Committee. Suggestions as to what should be in the context of this letter: - After several attempt at making contact with the Isseis, but having failed, therefore the opinion of the Youth Council is such and such. We do not know the opinion of the Isseis. - Also include in this letter the mention of the fact that recently some men in the government were against hyphenated Canadianism and for that reason we would like to have a group known not as - We should not have this federation for the purpose to benefit ourselves alone but to work as Canadians towards Canadianization. - Ask that the federation work in conjuction with the Co-operative Committee. A motion was made by Bartling and seconded by Kyoto Shigehiro that the executives get together next Sunday, May 12, to draft the letter to the C.D.C. Carried. Miss Bartling stated that the camp site at Waterton will be available - Waterton: from the noon of the 10th of August to the noon of the 14th at the same basis as last year, i.e., \$25.00 for 3 days, providing that we close up camp for them.

She stated that we can hire Mr. Koch's bus at \$94 return but with the cancellation of the Government road tax for charitable organization, the rate will be \$74. Miss Bartling stated that the camp committee would like us to make a contribuation towards the camp and that in doing so we would become part of the camp committee.

Motion was made by Yosh Nakamura and seconded by George Ikebuchi that the camp committee be appoint from Raymond. Carried.

Camp Committee

Eigi Shigehiro Hiromu Fujiki Jeaune Iwassa Kaz Iwaasa Louise Amemori

A motion was made by Sumi Iwaasa and seconded by Miss Bartling that all the nominees remain on the Committee. Carried.

- The secretary read a letter from the Slocan Valley Nisei Organization asking the Council to co-operate with them in gathering information from relocees who have been deceived or have been told untrue facts by the placement officers at the time of relocation.

A motion was made by Abe Kabayama and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that that letter be referred to the forthcoming executive meeting next Sunday. Carried.

- A motion was made by Yosh Nakamura that meeting adjourn.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

minutes 1945