

PRELIMINARY REPORT NO. 1

Report of the Special Meeting called by the Citizenship Defense
Committee on March 17, 1946:

1. A preliminary meeting of the committee appointed to study and report on the national federation of Japanese people's organizations was held on March 17 at the Nisei Co-operative Residence, 506 Jarvis St., Toronto, with Shuichi Sasaki as chairman. The meeting convened at 2:30 P.M.
2. Twenty-two persons were present:

Shuichi Sasaki, chairman, Citizenship Defense Committee (CDC)	
Mrs. Noboru Hirabayashi, Christian Women's Association	
Kinsie Tanaka, Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy (JCCD)	
Toshizo Suzuki, Japanese Canadian War Services Auxiliary	
Atsumu Kamino, Judo Club	Tate Harada, Nisei Fellowship
Eileen Shintani, JCCD	Yosh Kishimoto, Credit Union
Hikohei Mori, Buddhist Mission	Otokichi Onishi, CDC
Bunji Hisaoka, CDC	Kunio Hidaka, CDC
Tokue Kameoka, CDC	Issaku Uchida
Shosaku Ozawa, CDC	K. Hori
Tomokichi Mio, CDC	Eikichi Kagetsu
Rinzo Hagino, CDC	Kohei Nakai
H. R. Nobuoka, CDC	Mitsugi Yamashita
3. Persons invited but not present were:

Fred Sasaki, Nisei Fellowship	Yoshio Nakazawa
Tom Morita	Peter Yamada
Tokichi Ohi	Sokichi Kadonaga
Sam Yamada	Yoshio Oda
Kunio Shimizu	Chizuko Shimano
Frank Nakamura	Roy Shinobu
George Yoshie	Molly Fujita
Harry Miyasaki	Bill Takeda
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kitagawa	Mi Akiyama
4. NEED FOR ORGANIZATION The chairman asked each person to state his frank opinion as to whether or not a national organization was required. The unanimous opinion of the 19 persons who spoke was that a national body was needed.
5. PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION The desired objects corresponded with those of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association of Winnipeg:
 - a) to promote the welfare of Japanese people in Canada
 - b) to secure all rights of citizenship
 - c) to assume all responsibilities of citizenship
 - d) to promote cultural assimilation, and
 - e) to co-operate with all organizations working for the betterment of Japanese in Canada.
6. PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Mr. Kameoka outlined possible alternative types:

 - a) a federation of Citizenship Defense Committees
 - b) federation of all organizations
 - c) one national organization with branch chapters
 - d) a combination of a) and b).

Mr. Nobuoka proposed:

 - a) a central council of Toronto organizations
 - b) co-ordination with central councils of other areas

Mr. Ozawa proposed an organization built on the federal system:

 - a) for Toronto - Committee of Citizen's Organizations, funds raised by canvass of \$1.50 per family and \$1.00 per working person
 - b) for Ontario - Ontario Federation of Citizenship, work done by the above body, financed by a 50 cent annual fee
 - c) for Canada - Canadian Federation of Citizenship, work done by the Toronto organization.

Mr. Uchida proposed that all persons join the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy, whose objects were the same as those agreed upon by the meeting. Mr. Kamino stated that, in order to avoid the confusion which would result from having still another organization, the central council, he supported the proposal that everyone join the JCCD.

Mr. Hori stated that one organization, financed by monthly dues, should be open to all persons.

Mr. Mio supported the proposal that everyone join the JCCD.

Mr. Onishi proposed:

- a) for Toronto - recommend that everyone join the JCCD
- b) appoint a sub-committee to bring in a draft outline for a national federation, which would be studied by the committee.

Mr. Ozawa favoured financing through an annual financial drive.

Mr. Nobuoka stated that one single organization would raise the difficulty of language.

Mr. Uchida re-iterated his support for joint issei-nisei action within the JCCD.

The alternative types of organization were re-stated by Mr. Kameoka:

- a) for Toronto - should a central council be formed, or
- b) should everyone be urged to join the JCCD.

He favoured the latter.

On a division, two persons favoured a central council, while 17 supported all persons joining the JCCD.

7. Two possible courses were open for the appointing of a sub-committee to bring in a draft outline for a national federation:

- a) to select the committee from a JCCD meeting, or
- b) to select the committee at the present CDC meeting.

In view of the need for some clarification and recommendation on the future of the CDC as part of the national federation proposal, it was decided that the sub-committee should be appointed by the CDC.

8. Mr. Tanaka, Sasaki and Hidaka were then named a nominating committee, and the following persons selected, were ratified by the meeting:

Mr. Kameoka	Mr. Tanaka	Mr. Ozawa
Harada	Shinobu	Sasaki (ex officio)
Uchida	Onishi	

9. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.